



David T. Dennis

Biography

David T. Dennis has had a distinguished career as a military leader and an educator. Throughout his 29 years of military service, he worked his way up through the ranks of airman to colonel and received many awards for his leadership and outstanding achievements.

David was born in Great Bend, Kansas on December 26, 1946 to D.T. and Virginia Dennis. He attended public schools and graduated from Great Bend High School in 1964. He earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration and education in 1968 from Fort Hays State College.

Following his graduation from college, David enlisted in the United States Air Force in July 1968 and following graduation from basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, he was assigned to Keesler AFB, MS. During this assignment he married Janet Pullin, the daughter of William R. and Ruth Pullin of Great Bend, KS. During his assignment in Mississippi, he completed technical school as a Communications Technical Controller and was then assigned to Seigelbach Air Station and Ramstein AFB in Germany.

After serving in Germany for two years, he was promoted to staff sergeant and assigned to Altus AFB, OK, where he was selected to attend Officers Training School. He was a distinguished graduate from OTS and was commissioned in April 1972 and was assigned to Chanute AFB, IL to the Missile Maintenance Officer technical school. Following graduation as a distinguished graduate from this program, he was assigned to Whiteman AFB, MO as a Combat Targeting Officer and Chief, Combat Targeting Quality Control.

In 1976, David Dennis was transferred to the 3901st Strategic Missile Evaluation Squadron at Vandenberg AFB, CA, as the Chief, Combat Targeting and later as the Chief of Maintenance Training. During this period, he attended Squadron Officer School at Maxwell AFB, AL. In 1980, he attended and was a distinguished graduate from the SAC Minuteman Missile Combat Crew Training Course and was transferred back to Whiteman AFB, MO where he served as a Missile Combat Crew Commander, a Flight Commander and as the Senior Standardization Evaluation Division Missile Combat Crew Commander.

In January 1984, David was assigned to Offutt AFB, NE, as a Missile Tactician. During this assignment he completed his master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma.

In 1986 and 1987 David Dennis attended Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, AL, and upon graduation in the top third of his class, he was reassigned to Offutt AFB where he served as the Chief, Survivability Branch in the Joint Strategic Target Planning Staff. During this assignment, he completed Air War College.

Family

Married to Janet Pullin -
Great Bend, KS

Sons - David and Eric
Born

December 26, 1946

Education

- Great Bend High School
- 1964

- Fort Hays State College -
BS Business Admin &
Education - 1968

- University of Oklahoma
- MA in Public
Administration - 1986

Military Experience

- Enlisted USAF - 1968
- Retired as Colonel after
29 years of service

Public Service

- Kansas State Board of
Education
- Central Area Director of the
National Association of State
Boards of Education
- Member of the Executive
Board of the Kansas State High
School Activities
Association

- Chairman Pro-Tem

District V Advisory
Board for 8 years

- Commissioner

Metropolitan

Area Planning

Commission

- Precinct Committeeman

- President of

Homeowners Association

- Boy Scout Leader

- Eucharistic Minister for
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In 1990, David was assigned to Malmstrom AFB, MT, where he served as the Chief of Safety, Commander of the Field Missile Maintenance Squadron and Deputy Logistics Group Commander. He was promoted to Colonel during this assignment and transferred to the Defense Nuclear Agency in Washington, D.C. In 1994, he organized and led the first-of-its-kind logistics program in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus to eliminate nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their delivery systems. While working in Kazakhstan he became the "Father of the Kazakhstan Navy" which was created to stop weapons of mass destruction and technology destined for world terrorists. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1997 with 29 years of service to his country.

David Dennis' military leadership earned him the Master Missile Badge, the Defense Superior Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, The Air Force Achievement Medal, the Joint Unit Meritorious Unit Award, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Organization Excellence Award, the Combat Readiness Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Air Force Recognition Ribbon, the Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, the Small Arms Expert Marksman Ribbon and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked for an international freight company for a year before deciding he would like to teach. He completed the requirements for his teaching certificate at Wichita State University and began teaching at Wichita High School North in 1999. David was certified by Cisco Systems, Inc. and Oracle Corporation to teach computer networking, computer repair, server maintenance and database management. He has an additional 25 graduate hours beyond his master's degree from Wichita State University, Friends University and Fort Hays State University. He served as a teacher, department chairman and the Data Leader for North High School. He retired from teaching in 2010. David Dennis currently serves Kansas as a member of the Kansas State Board of Education; he was elected to the Board of Directors as the Central Area Director of the National Association of State Boards of Education in 2010 and he serves on the Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. David also served on the District V Advisory Board to the City Council for eight years; he serves as a precinct committeeman, currently serves as a Commissioner on the Wichita and Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, is the president of his homeowner's association, a Boy Scout leader for the past 30 years and recipient of the highest awards a Boy Scout District and Council can present to a volunteer. He is an Eucharistic Minister for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was recently recognized for "Excellence in Public Service" for the Wichita School District and received the "Good Apple Award."
